

## REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006. Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-2, 4-8, 10, 11, 16, 18-27, 31, and 32 are pending in this application and have been allowed. Claims 20 and 21 have been directly amended via amendments set forth herein, and claims 12-15 have been canceled. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application. In addition, the amendments cancel claims and correct for minor errors that have only recently been discovered. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 12-15 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over *Lass* (U.S. Patent No. 6,092,153) in view of *Tremblay* (U.S. Patent No. 6,205,543). However, claims 12-15 have been canceled thereby mooted the rejections of these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 12-15 be withdrawn and that the instant application be allowed to proceed to issuance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicant's response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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